

CROYDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY

NOTES OF THE MEETING 13.08.2014:

President Paul Elliot opened the meeting at 19.45 hours attended by 19 members. The evening was a **MEMBERS' EVENING** and members brought displays of their own collecting interests.



Frank Simpson displayed a series of **love letters** written by a couple from **Goslar to Flechdorf** from 1866 to 1867. The letters were carried by mail coach.



Paul Elliot's displayed the stamps of **Indo-China**, a part of the French Empire. The first stamps were French stamps which were overprinted before the country issued their own stamps.



Graham Harker's display was concerned with the rescue of the **SS Great Britain** from the Falkland Islands and the restoration of the ship in Bristol. The display was illustrated by stamps, covers, postcards and photographs.



Brian Asquith showed some cinderella material of **Trieste**. This included red cross labels and postcards, beer labels, shipping labels, luggage labels, hotel labels and views of Trieste.



Alan Holverson brought the stamps of **Austria** from 1945 to the meeting. The first stamps were overprints of German stamps before issuing their own.



Chris Board showed his **recent acquisitions**. These included a letter card from the Transvaal in 1908, a postcard addressed to Scotland from Johannesburg and postcard material from France.



Ian Nutley displayed early **Zeppelin postcards** which included three pictures which were made into postcards and three cards from the army airship service.



John Schofield produced a letter concerned with the **Battle of Bouvines** which was fought in 1214 to end the Anglo-French war (1202-1214). One consequence of the battle was that King John was forced to sign Magna Carta by the discontented barons.



David Milsted showed some unusual **Army Official covers**. They included two covers from Woolwich to the USA and a parcel label from Horseguards in London to Plymouth.



Peter Newman displayed his **Saar collection**. This included stamps issued when the French occupied the Saarland after World War 2 and German stamps with a Saar overprint.



Paul Percival in his first display to the Society showed stamps of countries which do not exist anymore but have become part of other countries.

Finally **Paul Elliot** showed some material of the taking of the **Belgium town of Dinar** and **the town of Albert**.

The meeting closed at 21.45 hours after members had had the opportunity to view the material.

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